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CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the amendments above and the following comments.

Claims 1-8, 11 and 12 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Examiner maintains her objection to the word "obtainable." In response, Applicants have amended the claims to change "obtainable" to "obtained."

Also, Applicants have amended claim 1 to correct the obvious typographical error in the first reference to R². Since the monomers are acrylates or methacrylates, it would have been

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obvious to any one skilled in the art that the first R² was meant to be R¹. Applicants do not believe this correction introduces new matter.

Claims 1, 2, 11 and 12 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Massow et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,194,455.

Claims 1, 2, 11 and 12 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by Ushirogouchi et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,045,968.

Claims 1, 2, 11 and 12 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Skinner et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,128,600.

Claims 1, 2, 11 and 12 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Karim et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,721,289.

Claims 1, 2, 11 and 12 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Wesp, U.S. Patent No. 3,765,972.

Claims 1, 2, 11 and 12 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being obvious over Wesp.

In response to *all* of the rejections under 35 USC §§ 102 and 103, Applicants point out that the Examiner indicates in the middle of page 3 of the Office Action that the rejections are based on the claim 1 language "obtainable." Applicants point out that the claim 1 language has been changed to "obtained." Therefore, Applicants believe these rejections are overcome. An

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early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Applicants believe that the foregoing constitutes a bona fide response to all outstanding objections and rejections.

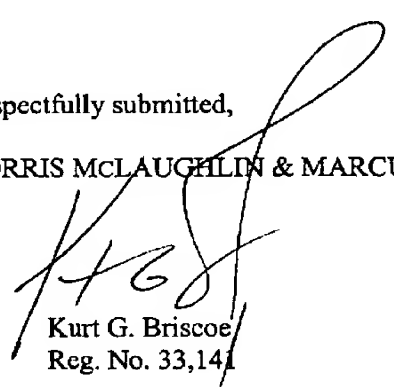
Applicants also believe that this application is in condition for immediate allowance. However, should any issue(s) of a minor nature remain, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned at telephone number (212) 808-0700 so that the issue(s) might be promptly resolved.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Amendment under 37 CFR § 1.111 and the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time (10 pages total) are being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on the date indicated below:

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